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REMOTELY PILOTED VEHICLE
WATERKLOOF AIRFIELD, SOUTH AFRICA (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: A REMOTELY PILOTED VEHICLE (RPV) WAS IDENTIFIED AT WATERKLOOF AIRFIELD IN SOUTH AFRICA. (SWN)
2. REMARKS: THIS IS THE FIRST IMAGERY CONFIRMATION OF AN RPV IN SOUTH AFRICA OR IN AREAS CONTROLLED BY SOUTH AFRICA. ON 3 APRIL A SMALL PARTIALLY-ASSEMBLED RPV WAS POSITIONED ON THE RUNWAY APPROXIMATELY 75 METERS FROM ONE PROBABLE CONTROL VEHICLE AND TWO SUPPORT VEHICLES WHICH WERE PARKED BETWEEN THE RUNWAY AND A LINK TAXIWAY. WATERKLOOF AIRFIELD IS 3 NM SOUTH OF PRETORIA IN THE TRANSVAAL REGION OF NORTHEASTERN SOUTH AFRICA. (SWN)

ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- THE PARTIALLY-ASSEMBLED RPV IS SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO THE ISRAELI-MANUFACTURED SCOUT, A MINI RPV USED FOR TACTICAL REAL-TIME RECONNAISSANCE. OPEN SOURCE PRESS REPORTING INDICATES THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAS AN INDIGENOUS RPV PRODUCTION CAPABILITY. ALTHOUGH SIMILAR TO THE SCOUT, THE RPV OBSERVED AT WATERKLOOF AIRFIELD MAY BE AN INDIGENOUS COPY OF THE SCOUT, OR A UNIQUE SOUTH AFRICAN DESIGN. (SWN)

SOUTH AFRICAN RPV'S MAY HAVE BEEN USED DURING OPERATION ASKARI, AN ANTI-GUERRILLA OPERATION IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA FROM DECEMBER 1983 THROUGH JANUARY 1984. IMAGERY FROM LATE NOVEMBER 1983 TO MID-JANUARY 1984 REVEALED A TEMPORARY LANDING STRIP AND CANVAS-COVERED POSSIBLE CONTROL VEHICLES AT CHANGONGO AIRFIELD [REDACTED], A SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPORT BASE IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA. PREVIOUS SOUTH AFRICAN USE OF RPV'S WAS INDICATED IN OPEN PRESS REPORTS IN LATE MAY 1983 WHEN ONE OF TWO UNIDENTIFIED RPV'S WAS SHOT DOWN WHILE OVER-FLYING MOZAMBIQUE. (SWN) [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 25-49-49S 028-13-25E (S)

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